

California Rare Fruit Growers



September 2018
North San Diego
County Chapter

Tissue Culture of Fruit Trees with Jose Gallego Friday, September 21 7:00 PM MiraCosta College Student Center Aztlan room A/B

In addition to grafting, air layering, cuttings and in-arching as methods of vegetative propagation of plants, modern science has also allowed us to propagate using tissue culture. This can allow for the rapid production of large numbers of clones of a particular plant using specialized techniques. Jose will discuss how this is possible, and give insights into the techniques used.

José M. Gallego earned a B.S. degree in Chemistry from the University Autonomous of Guadalajara in 1977.

He worked as Research Chemist in and was a teacher at the Chemistry Faculty at the University in Tijuana. He moved to the United States in 1982 and worked until 1989 in the aerospace industry also as a Research Chemist.

He has published articles in scientific journals, three books, and two patents, have given conference presentations and workshops in many major cities in Mexico, US and in Canada.

He recently retired after working for more than 27 years for the City of San Diego as Supervising Chemist.

José joined the San Diego Chapter back in 1996 and became Vice-Chairman in 1997. In 1998 he organized his first Festival of Fruit in San Diego. In 1998 he was elected Chapter Chairman and server until the end of 2002. He then was re-elected Chairman in 2007 and with the San Diego North County both Chapters organized the 2007 Festival of Fruit. He was co-chairing the 2015 Festival of Fruit but unfortunately, in November of 2014, he was gravely infected by a fungus and was unable to continue.

He was a member of Board of Directors for the California Rare Fruits Growers in 2004-2006 and now since 2013. Since 2012 he has been Department Manager for the Chapter Events in Fruit Gardener Magazine.

José has over 100 rare fruit trees in his garden among these 32 of them are different varieties of pomegranates among other rare fruits.

Now retired he now spends more time on his favorite hobbies, his garden, talking about rare fruits, building high power portable lasers, and collecting coins, a hobby that his father started him back in the mid-1960's.

Cheers from the Chair

By Kathryn Blankinship

I don't know about you, but I have been disappointed fruit grower this year. I have been rather consumed with the fact that my stone fruits were basically fruitless. It is now obvious that just an almost enough amount of chill hours isn't enough and those chill hours need to be at the right time. Additionally, it seems rain needs to be augmented with irrigation in more than the prior recommended amounts for the fruit tree's needs. The rain and additional water must come within the correct time frame. Of course the correct amount of fertilizer at the correct time is important, too. Even if all of the above are correct an unseasonal heat wave, rain or chill can adversely affect fruit set. Really, it didn't seem to be as difficult before the recent climate changes.

Now, stone fruit production has become too difficult!

Fortunately, six weeks ago, the sub tropical fruits that are really the most marvelous producers in my yard began their awesome appearance. I have enjoyed the last of the tango mandarins. Bearss limes and early Meyer lemons have flavored water, aides and other drinks. I have harvested enough figs to enjoy and have candied some for sharing. I am also enjoying bananas, strawberry guavas, holiday avocados, Surinam Cherries, a couple of varieties of dragon fruit and a few late berries! I look forward to a few more weeks of the above fruits and anxiously await my favorite the fuyu persimmon. Now, I'm thinking what can be better than late summer and fall for fruit lovers?

I hope others are experiencing great harvests. See you soon!



Holiday Party

Save the date

Sunday Dec 9th 11 AM – 3 PM

More details coming next month

Raffle

Last raffle this year.

Next raffle in Feb, 2019

Plant sitters please bring all plants you are plant sitting.

All members please bring anything garden related.

Plants, Fruits, Veggies, Decorative Pots, Sealed Wine, Eggs, Worm Castings, or anything that will be of interest to members.

Each member will receive a raffle ticket for your donation. Limit one free ticket per member.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

We need everyone's help.

Purchase tickets from Helen or Dottie

Website Skills?

The club is currently looking for someone with website skills to assist with the maintenance and updating of our website. If you have experience, or would like to learn please contact Helen Driver

Check out the website!

We have a website, the URL is nsdcfrg.wordpress.com. We are adding new information often, so please take a look and let us know what you would like to see there. Thank you Helen for all your hard work in keeping this going.

San Diego Botanic Garden Volunteer Opportunities and Work Party

Join the over 300 volunteers who contribute time to the San Diego Botanic Garden. Join others for a volunteer orientation and discover the many varied opportunities available. A short tour of the garden is included. In order to participate in the CRFG sub-tropical garden work parties you must attend an orientation. To receive more information and the dates for the upcoming orientations call 760-436-3036 x 206

Next work party, October 13th, 8:30 to 12:00

Refreshments:

If your birthday month is September, please bring some refreshments to the meeting this month.

Home grown fruits and vegetables are the best. However, other munchies are also greatly appreciated. Please be sure they are ready to serve.

Now on Facebook!

North San Diego County Chapter now has a Facebook Page. Please check us out at www.facebook.com/groups/northsandiegocrfg/. This is a closed group and is for our members only, so you will need to ask the administrator to join.

Member Matters

Membership

Chapter dues with E-MAIL newsletters are \$10.00 for one member plus \$5.00 for each additional household member. Chapter dues with USPS newsletters are \$15.00 for one member plus \$5.00 for each additional household member. USPS is only for those without E-mail. You must also be a member of our parent organization, [CRFG, Inc.](#). To renew, please fill out a **NEW APPLICATION** online or bring it to our next meeting. Make check out to NC CRFG and send it to;

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Please contact our Membership Committee Chair Helen Withers if you have any questions.

New Members

by Helen Withers

Janet Khamashta from Temecula.

Name Tags

Please keep your name tags after each meeting and bring them back with you for the next. We are hoping to have everyone be responsible for their own name tags to make things a bit easier on those who have had to keep track of them all this time. If you are interested in a more professional looking name tag, you can purchase them from the CRFG Inc. for \$11 by calling 805-543-9455 or email market@crfg.org. You must be a member of our parent organization (CRFG, Inc.) to order name tags from CRFG. To make it easier you can pay using PayPal.

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